

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to an Office Action mailed June 22, 2007. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are included.

The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement and indicated five (5) groups of claims.

Group I: Claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 11-14, 16 and 18, drawn to compounds with a core ring structure described in the claims. Please note that this group does not include claim 15, which the Examiner originally included within this group (see below).

Group II: Claims 3-5, 10, 15, 17 and 19, drawn to claims having a core ring structure described in the claims.

Group III: Claim 7

Group IV: Claim 8

Group V: Claims 23, 30-32, 35-44, drawn to a method of using compounds of claim 1.

Applicants herein elect Group I claims, as modified above. Applicants respectfully submit that Group I should not include claim 15, which are drawn to species within Group II (i.e., depend from claim 3). Thus, Applicants submit that Group I should include claims as shown above.

Applicants also respectfully submit that claims 12-13 should be included in Group I, being dependent from claim 1 (Group I).

Applicant has withdrawn claims 3-5, 10, 15, 17 and 19, being drawn to non-elected inventions.

The Examiner also required an election of species of compound.

Applicant herein elects the compound (2S, 3'S, 8'R, 11'S) 2-([(3'-Amino-1'-aza -2'-oxobicyclo[6.3.0]-undecyl)-11'-carbonyl]amino}-1,5-pentanedioic acid trifluoroacetate salt. This species reads on claims 1 and 18.

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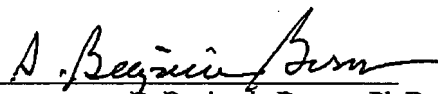
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Applicants have withdrawn claims in Group V, drawn to methods of using compounds of claim 1. Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of claims 23, 30-32, 35-41 and 43-44, upon allowance of a claim of Group I.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4089 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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